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SUB: FOUR MORE DEAD IN RIOTING IN CAPE AREA

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SUMMARY- AT LEAST FOUR ARE KNOWN DEAD IN RIOTING SEPTEMBER 7
AT VARIOUS SITES THROUGHOUT CAPE PENINSULA. POLICE IN "COLORED"
AREA OF RAVENSMEAD AT TIERVLEI CONTINUED TO BATTLE RIOTERS
INTO THE NIGHT AND ARSON ATTEMPTS WERE WIDESPREAD. OTHER AREAS
REPORTING INCIDENTS INCLUDED CENTRAL CAPE TOWN,ATHLONE,
CRAWFORD, HEIDEVELD, KOMMETJIE, STELLENBOSCH, DISTRICT SIX,
WOODSTOCK AND BLACK TOWNSHIP OF GUGULETU. END SUMMARY.

1. ONE PERSON WAS KILLED AND AND UNKNOWN NUMBER INJURED IN
RIOTING IN CENTRAL CAPE TOWN SEPTEMBER 7(REPORTED REFTEL).
TROUBLE BEGAN AROUND NOON AS GROUPS OF "COLORED" STUDENTS
SMASHED WINDOWS OF SOME 15 CARS PARKED ALONG GRAND PARADE NEAR
CITY HALL. POLICE USED TEAR GAS, AND FIRED REVOLVERS AND
SHOTGUNS LOADED WITH BIRD SHOT TO DISPERSE CROWDS. CITY CENTER
WAS LARGELY CLEARED BY 3 P.M.

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2. IN "COLORED" RAVENSMEAD AREA AT TIERVLEI OUTSIDE CAPE TOWN, THREE DEATHS WERE CONFIRMED BY POLICE WHO USED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AS WELL AS TEAR GAS AND BIRD SHOT IN EFFORT DISPERSE RIOTERS. AT LEAST 8 PERSONS WERE INJURED. RIOTERS SET UP ROADBLOCKS OF BURNING TIRES AND ATTEMPTED ARSON WAS REPORTED WIDESPREAD. NEWS REPORTS CHARACTERIZED SITUATION AS "VERY SERIOUS" AS LATE AS MIDNIGHT WITH LARGE NUMBERS RIOT POLICE IN ACTION. AMONG PROPERTY REPORTED BURNED WERE A STORE, A SCHOOL, A POST OFFICE TRAILER AND LARGE GASOLINE TANK. ARMED POLICE ESCORTED FIRE ENGINES INTO THE AREAS.

3. AMONG OTHER INCIDENTS REPORTED THROUGHOUT CAPE PENINSULA WERE: PAROW INDUSTRIAL AREA-FACTORIES CLOSED EARLY DUE TO HEAVY STONING AND NIGHT SHIFT CANCELLED AT ONE PLANT. MANENBERG- MARCH BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BROKEN UP BY POLICE. STELLENBOSCH-COLORED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS STONED PASSING VEHICLES DURING EFFORT TO MARCH INTO CENTER OF TOWN. BROKEN UP BY POLICE. HOUT BAY- DEMONSTRATION BY COLORED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. KOMMETJIE-STONING OF VEHICLES IN OCEAN VIEW AREA. HEIDEVELD- CARS STONED ON SETTLERS WAY. CRAWFORD-STONING OF CARS.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN CAPE- ABOUT 100 STUDENTS BROKE WINDOWS IN SOME LECTURE ROOMS. DISTRICT SIX AND WOODSTOCK- SCATTERED INCIDENTS OF STONE THROWING.

IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, IT WAS REPORTED THAT AT ONE POINT DURING EARLY MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 7 CARS ON MAIN HIGHWAY TO AIRPORT, NATIONAL ROUTE 2, WERE STONED.
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